Fig 1. Schematic of the PCR reactions to construct the DNA fragment for the deletion of the ywfL gene in B. natto strain BN1.

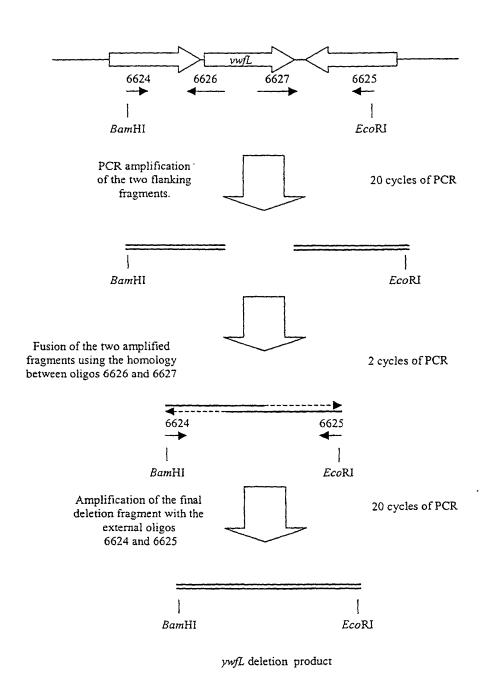


Fig. 2. Schematic map of the plasmid pMZ66.

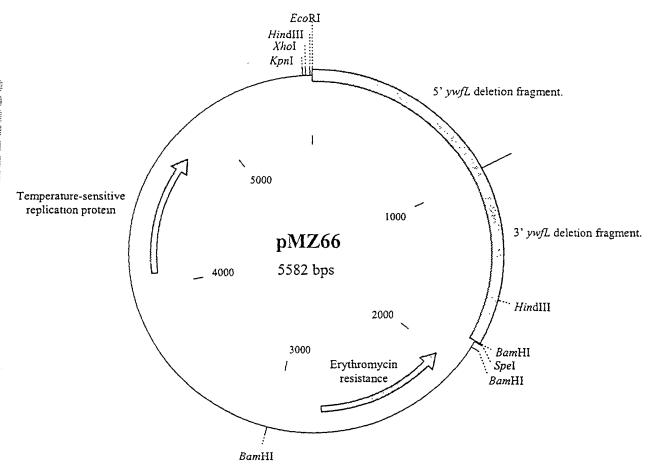


Fig. 3. Chromatogram of fermentation products in the culture medium produced by the wild-type Bacillus natto and the ywfL disruption iso-genic derivative.

